

# POLICE AIDE

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT – ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission invites qualified 17-19 year-olds to apply for this exciting full-time employment opportunity that may lead to a law enforcement career with the City of Milwaukee Police Department. This unique position provides the opportunity to help Milwaukee's citizens every day, while also focusing on the individual's educational, physical fitness, personal and professional development.

**THE PURPOSE:** Police Aides are uniformed civilian employees who serve in an apprentice-style program designed to prepare them for a career as a Police Officer. Duties include administrative and clerical functions and booking of department arrestees. The assignments are widely varied so that the Police Aide can experience a wide range of operational and administrative functions. Police Aides are required to meet established criteria by completing a prescribed course of college curriculum and a physical fitness program prior to being considered for appointment to Police Officer

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** Police Aides perform a variety of administrative, clerical and other support functions as prescribed by the supervisor. At no time is a Police Aide permitted to act independently while conducting law enforcement activities. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Answering and directing phone calls.
- ❖ Assisting citizens via telephone and in-person.
- ❖ Operating radio console.
- ❖ Performing administrative/clerical duties such as typing, filing, data entry.
- ❖ Assisting Police Officers with arrest processing.
- ❖ Assisting with special projects as assigned.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be at least 17 years old at time of application; and may not be more than 19 years old at time of appointment. (Individuals born after February 27, 1992 or before August 10, 1989 do not qualify).
- High School graduation prior to August 10, 2009, with a four-year cumulative high school grade point average of at least 2.0 upon graduation.
- United States citizenship, or must have resided in the United States for at least five years immediately prior to the date of application and be legally authorized to work for any employer in the United States. Non-citizen applicants should request information regarding Fire and Police Commission rules and citizenship requirements at time of application [FPC Rule VI.4.(b). and Rule XI.2.(b)]
- Residency in the City of Milwaukee must be established within six months of hire and maintained throughout employment.
- Must possess a valid State of Wisconsin driver's license within one year of date of hire, and at the time of appointment to Police Officer.
- Physically able to perform Police Aide – and eventually Police Officer – training and job duties.
- Must successfully pass a Milwaukee Police Department Background Investigation.

**DISQUALIFIERS:** Your application will be rejected if any of the following are true:

- You have been convicted of a felony.
- You have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the United States Military Service
- You have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.
- You have failed a Milwaukee Police Department background investigation within the last two years from the date of application.
- You have been terminated / discharged or resigned with charges pending from either the Milwaukee Police Department or Milwaukee Fire Department within the last two years from the date of application.

Applicants may also be disqualified on the basis of background standards, which are included on the application.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Ability to communicate effectively with a diverse population, in-person, via telephone, and in writing.
- Be courteous and customer-service oriented.
- Ability to accurately record information – by hand and using a computer, file records, and process paperwork.
- Ability to take direction from supervisors,
- Maintain a positive attitude, have good moral character, be honest, responsible and trustworthy.
- Motivated and able to complete the required educational and physical fitness programs.

**SALARY RANGE AND BENEFITS:** The annual starting salary is \$21,230, with increases each six-month period to a maximum of \$29,332 annually. The city offers a generous benefit package that includes two weeks of paid vacation after one year of service; 12 paid days off in lieu of holidays; fifteen days paid sick leave per year; health dental, and life insurance; enrollment in the City of Milwaukee retirement system; and tuition and textbook reimbursement.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- A 40-hour work week, with off-days by assignment.
- Must complete 24 college credits and may attend classes during on-duty hours.
- Tuition reimbursement benefit may be available.

**POLICE OFFICER HIRE:** A Police Aide may become eligible for appointment to the next Police Officer recruit class upon meeting all of the following:

- United States citizenship.
- Favorable recommendation of the Chief.
- Reaching the age of 21 years.
- Serving in the program a minimum of two years (maximum of four years).
- Satisfactorily completing the approved training program.
- Earning the required 24 college credits (which may count toward the 60 college credits that all Police Officers must have within five years of appointment).
- Possession of a valid State of Wisconsin driver's license.
- Passing a Police Officer medical examination, psychological evaluation, drug screen test, and updated background investigation prior to appointment to Police Officer.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The examination process will include a written test, a physical ability test that includes a 1-1/2 mile run, an oral interview, a writing sample exercise, and background investigation. All phases of the examination must be successfully completed in order to continue in the selection process. Failure in any segment of the examination disqualifies an applicant. The test is based on the Police Officer job, since Police Aides who successfully complete the program may become Police Officers.

**ELIGIBLE LIST and APPOINTMENTS:** Candidates who successfully complete all phases of the examination will be placed on an eligible list. Candidates who turn twenty years old over the life of the eligible list will have their names removed from the list. Final appointment as a Police Aide is contingent upon passing a medical exam, psychological evaluation, and drug screen test, and the number of vacancies.

**PREFERENCE POINTS:** Qualified veterans will receive military preference points added to the final passing score in accordance with State Statutes and Fire and Police Commission Rules. Preference points may be added to the final passing score, if you are a bona fide resident of the City of Milwaukee when you apply. Proof of residency must be provided by a date determined by the Department of Employee Relations.